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YUSURAUME

■HELLO! IT'S AOKI UME.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING YOUR TIME TO
READ THIS BOOK♪
OH DOUJINSHI! HOW I LOVE MAKING 'EM!

THE BACK COVER SAYS
"IT MAY SEEM LIKE A STIFF BOOK BUT IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE SEDUCTIVE",
BUT LOOKING AT IT NOW, IT ENDED UP BEING MORE SERIOUS THAN I
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE...
PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT IT AND EXPECTED SOMETHING SEDUCTIVE,
I'M SORRY TA Y'ALL...
WELL ANYWAY, I HOPE YOU ENJOY READING IT♡

IT WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD WRITE MORE,
BUT I'M REALLY RUNNING OUT OF TIME,
SO I'LL JUST MAKE MY DASHING ESCAPE HERE!
OH IT'S ALWAYS ENDS UP LIKE THIS . (SWEAT)

WELL WELL WELL THEN,
WE'LL SEE AGAIN IN THE POST SCRIPT!

AOKI UME, 2007

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Ah!
Thank goodness! They're blooming!♪
Yup! Isn't it lovely?
So this is what you wanted to show me?

They're blooming for just a brief while
so I thought we should come here soon
How short do you mean by brief?
Well
Counting dusks and dawns around three
That short!?

there is an old legend about this tree...
Yup
...But yeah, you see
A legend?

It goes like this
There will be a day when this tree will sprout green flowers
Green?
That sounds nasty.
It's not nasty!
Wouldn't it be like leaves!?
But you see
those green flowers will stay forever and forever.
They won't wither away no matter what.

...forever?
Right! Forever and ever!
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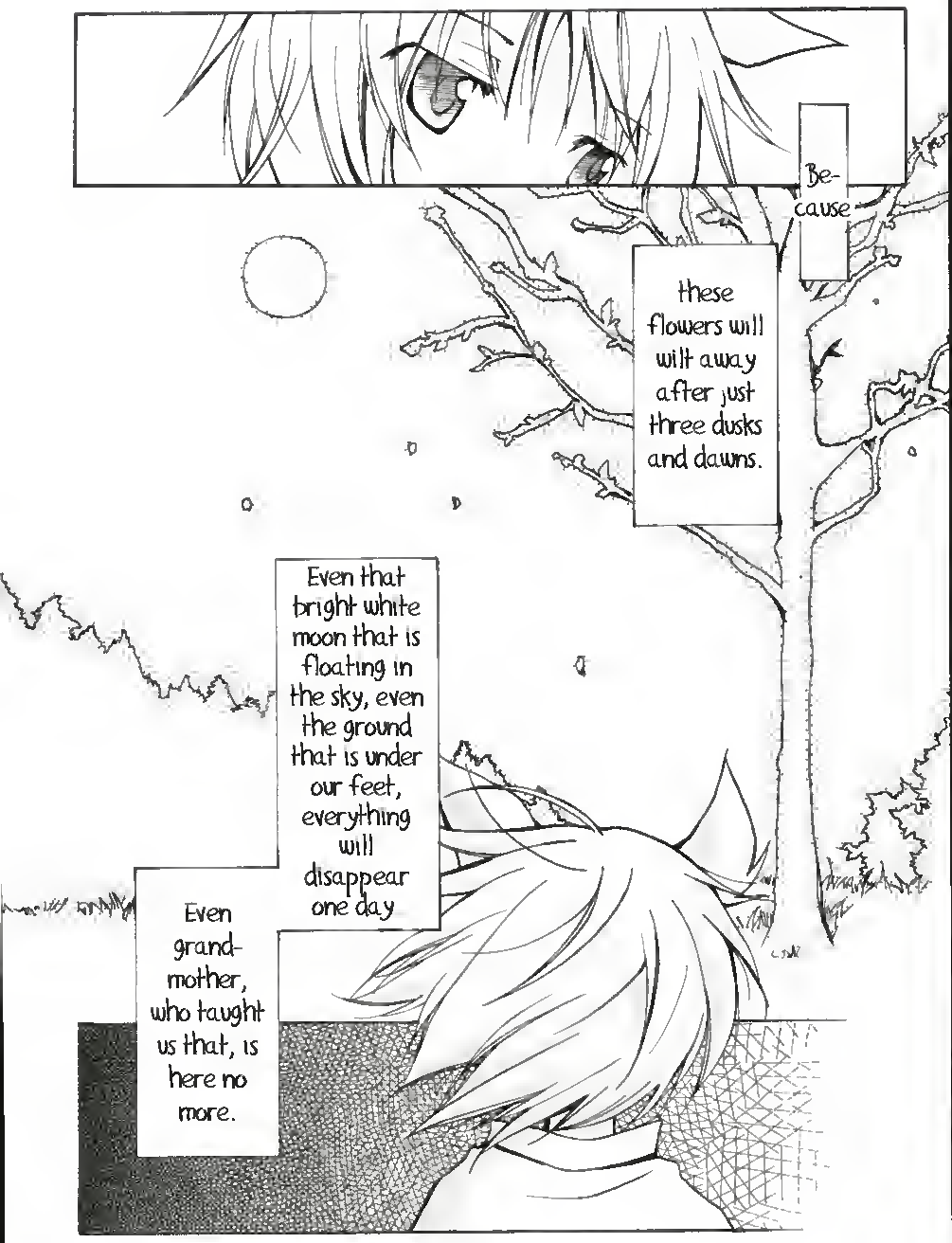
If that really happened...
Wouldn't that be wonderful?
That's not... not really...

I...
guess...

There isn't anything that lasts forever.

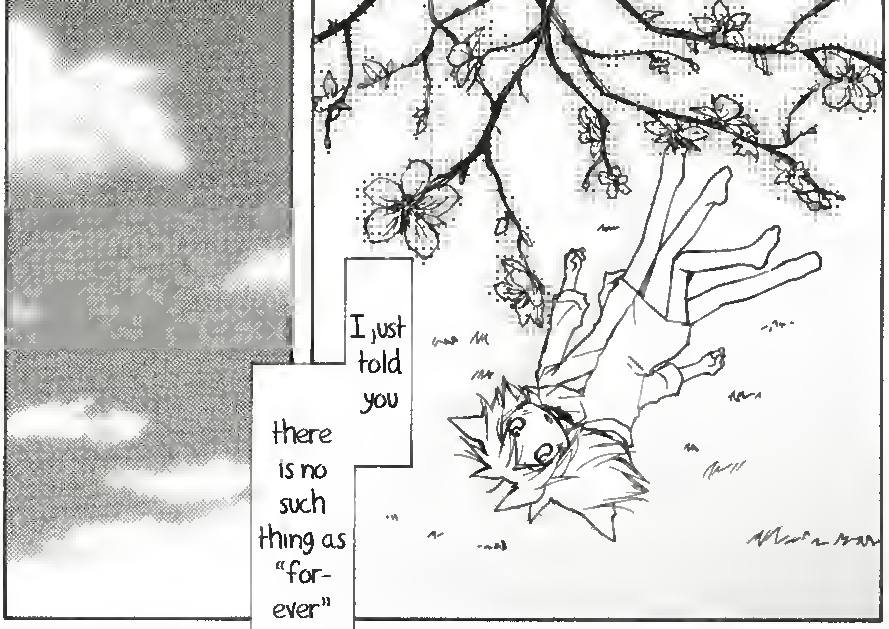

Be-
cause
these flowers will wilt away after just three dusks and dawns.
Even that bright white moon that is floating in the sky, even the ground that is under our feet, everything will disappear one day
Even grand-mother, who taught us that, is here no more.

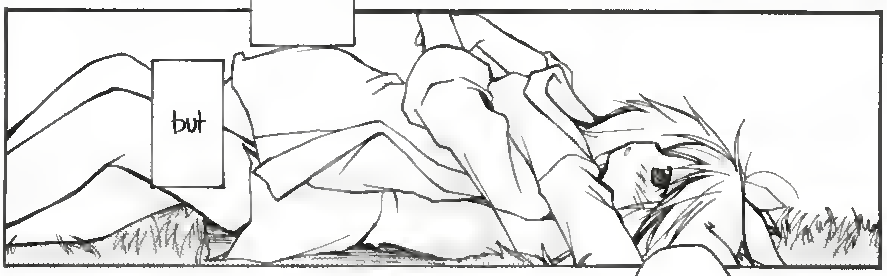
I wonder what kind of a thing could really last forever.

My body, the earth itself...

everything will pass away at some point.

Is it really that wrong
to keep wishing that they will bloom some day?
Oh! But
I... guess... not...
isn't it enough that just the two of us will stay together forever? ♥





Yeah...

Let's stay together forever...

if it's just a little...

I guess I can also believe in dreams that won't come true.

■ WELL... I GUESS I HAVE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO v(SWEAT)

■ YUSURAUME (NANKING CHERRY)
THE TITLE OF THIS BOOK IS "YUSURAUME",
AND EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT SEEM CORRECT,
IT'S NOT ACTUALLY SUCH A BIG TREE.
ALSO, THE FLOWERS BLOOM A LOT LONGER THAN THAT!
SO IT'S A PARALLEL UNIVERSE YUSURAUME!

■ CHARACTER SIZES
ARE CHANGING ALL THE TIME DURING THE STORY!
SORRY ABOUT THAT. THERE'S NO DEEP MEANING.
I JUST DIDN'T THINK TOO HARD ABOUT THE SETTING
AND JUST STARTED DRAWING.
THE FIRST THINGS I DREW WERE THE BACK COVER
AND THE DRAFT YOU CAN SEE HERE.
THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO SERIOUS
TALL CHARACTERS. BUT BEFORE I NOTICED
THEY HAD SHRUNK DOWN.

■ EARS
THERE IS NO DEEP MEANING BEHIND THEM!
(I KEEP SAYING THAT...)
I IMAGINED THEM AS FOXES THOUGH.
AH!!!
THEY HAVE TAILS IN THE BACK COVER
BUT I FORGOT TO DRAW THEM IN THE MANGA ITSELF!
I DIDN'T NOTICE IT BEFORE! (SWEAT)

ANYWAY, "*YUSURAUME*" IS APPARENTLY WRITTEN AS
梅桃 (*CHERRY TREE + PEACH* IN KANJI. THAT'S CUTE.
BUT YOU'D THINK IT'S WRITTEN WITH 梅 (*UME* = APRICOT)
SINCE IT'S "YUSURA *UME*". BUT NOPE.
ISN'T THAT WEIRD?

BUT IN ANY CASE I'M RUNNING OUT OF TIME SO I HAVE TO PICK UP THE PACE!
SO, I KEEP CHURNING OUT SLIM DOUJINSHI. SORRY ABOUT THAT!
BUT I HAVE A POLICY CALLED "HAVE FUN DRAWING THEM!"
AND I'M PLANNING ON DOING JUST THAT. vv
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER HOBBIES WHERE I BECOME
TOTALLY ABSORBED INTO IT AND FORGET TO EAT AND SLEEP!
AND EVEN WHEN I'M TOTALLY BEAT LIKE THIS, I STILL FEEL HAPPY v
THANKS FOR READING!

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MY LOVELY READERS

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